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SUBJECT: UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY SURPASSES FOUR  
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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL STATISTICS  
RELEASED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY,  
4,212,488 WORKERS WERE UNEMPLOYED AS OF JANUARY 31.  
THE COMMISSION'S STATISTICS ALSO SHOW THAT IMMIGRATION INTO  
THE NINE MEMBER STATES DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF  
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1974 DECLINED BY 62.5 PERCENT. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO THE LATEST EC UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS THERE WERE 4,212,488 WORKERS UNEMPLOYED AT THE END OF JANUARY. THIS COMPARES WITH 3,054,088 UNEMPLOYED AT THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR. STATISTICS AND PERCENTAGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

COUNTRY	JAN. 1974	JAN. 1975
BELGIUM	103,521 (4.1PCT)	147,799 (5.7)
DENMARK	39,000 (4.9)	101,500 (11.8)
GERMANY	620,494 (2.7)	1,154,295 (5.1)
FRANCE	460,600 (2.7)	723,400 (4.3)
IRELAND	72,025 (6.4)	91,095 (8.1)
ITALY	973,300 (5.0)	1,020,100 (5.3)
LUXEMBOURG	69	140
NETHERLANDS	149,830 (4.0)	197,752 (5.2)
GREAT BRITAIN	605,630 (2.7)	742,00 (3.3)
N. IRELAND	30,219 (5.9)	34,407 (6.7)

3. THE FOREGOING EC STATISTICS ARE DERIVED FROM REPORTS FROM LABOR MINISTERS OF THE NINE (NOTE: THE COMMENTS FROM EMBASSIES PARIS AND ROME RE EC UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR FRANCE AND ITALY SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND). THE COMMISSION HAS NOTED IN ITS LATEST RELEASE, THAT THE DATA FOR EACH COUNTRY ARE NOT EXACTLY COMPARABLE BECAUSE UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES ARE CALCULATED BY DIFFERENT METHODS IN VARIOUS MEMBER STATES.

4. ACCORDING TO THE COMMISSION'S REPORT, UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG THE YOUNG HAS REACHED ALARMING LEVELS. 50,378 YOUNG BELGIANS WERE UNEMPLOYED IN NOVEMBER 1974, AN INCREASE OF 55 PERCENT OVER A 12-MONTH PERIOD. UNEMPLOYED YOUTH IN OTHER COUNTRIES AS FOLLOWS:

IRELAND 1,052 IN DECEMBER (125PCT INCREASE);  
 ITALY 349,000 IN SEPTEMBER (12PCT INCREASE);  
 NETHERLANDS 61,391 IN NOVEMBER (61 PCT INCREASE);  
 UK 174,122 IN JULY (13PCT INCREASE);  
 DENMARK 31,635 IN OCTOBER (NO PERCENTAGE GIVEN);  
 GERMANY 210PCT (NO YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURE GIVEN);  
 FRANCE 41PCT (NO FIGURES GIVEN);

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ALL COUNTRIES CONSIDER YOUNG PEOPLE AS BEING UNDER 25 YEARS EXCEPT IRELAND (UNDER 18) AND ITALY (UNDER 21).

5. THE COMMISSION ALSO RELEASED FIGURES SHOWING A SERIOUS DECLINE IN JOB OFFERS. IN JANUARY THERE WERE 5,345 JOB OFFERS IN BELGIUM, A 58 PCT DROP OVER A 12-MONTH PERIOD. OTHER COUNTRIES AS FOLLOWS: GERMANY 221,063 OFFERS IN JANUARY 28PCT DROP; FRANCE 125,500 OFFERS

IN DECEMBER 1974 (40PCT DROP); LUXEMBOURG 207 OFFERS IN  
DECEMBER 1974 (49PCT DROP); NETHERLANDS 45,464 OFFERS  
IN JANUARY 20PCT DROP). JOB OFFER STATISTICS FOR THE  
OTHER FOUR MEMBER STATES WERE NOT PUBLISHED.

6. DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1974 THERE WAS A  
62.5 PCT DROP IN THE NUMBER OF THIRD COUNTRY MIGRANT  
WORKERS ENTERING THE COMMUNITY. 155,233 MIGRANT WORKERS  
ENTERED THE COMMUNITY DURING THE NINE MONTH PERIOD  
COMPARED WITH 414,456 DURING THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD  
OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR. MYERSON

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